Wheat procured by FCI

57. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat purchased by FCI during the procurement session this year as against the target fixed, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to import wheat to maintain its buffer stock; and

(c) if so, the quantity of commodity proposed to be imported, the countries from where to be imported and the FOB price thereof in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Since procurement of foodgrains under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations carried out by Government agencies is open ended, no targets are fixed. However estimates of procurement, based on estimates given by State Food Secretaries are drawn up before the start of the Rabi Marketing Season (RMS). The State-wise procurement of wheat *vis-à-vis* estimates in RMS 2007-08 is given below:

(In lakh tonnes)

State/U.T.	Estimate of Procurement	Actual Procurement
Punjab	75	67.57
Haryana	45	33.46
Uttar Pradesh	15	5.49
Madhya Pradesh	3	0.57
Bihar	10	0.08
Rajasthan	2	3.84
Uttarakhand	1	0.02
Others	0.5	0.01
TOTAL:	151.5	111.04

(b) Yes sir.

(c) The Government has decided to import upto 5 million tonnes of wheat during the year 2007-08 from any country as per specifications and conditions of the tender. The State Trading Corporation has placed orders for import of 5.11 lakh MTs of wheat. The names of the countries alongwith price details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Names of the countries along with price and quantity details

Country of origin of wheat	Quantity (+/- 5%) in lakh tonnes	Price in US $ per MT C&F (FO)
1	2	3
Canada	1.28	317.95
Canada	1.28	328.95

1	2	3
Any Country	0.65	324.10
Any Country	0.65	327.10
Russia	1.25	329.95
GRAND TOTAL:	5.11	Weighted average price 325.59

Requirement and production of pulses

†58. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual requirement of pulses in the country is assessed to be 16 million tonnes whereas its annual production is between 12 million tonnes to 14 million tonnes;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the pulses are imported to meet the increased requirement in comparison to production; and

(d) if so, the estimate of the import of pulses in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and the annual increase in the prices of pulses in the international market during these above said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Import of pulses

Year	Quantity in million tonnes
2003-04	1.72
2004-05	1.34
2005-06	1.70
2006-07	2.25*

* Provisional

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.